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NOTES AND QUERIES.

Notes.

PENNSYLVANIA WAR HISTORY COMMISSION.

The Pennsylvania War History Commission was appointed by the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense and Committee of Public Safety in order to preserve a permanent record of Pennsylvania's part in the Great War.

The Commission is composed of the following:

PROF. HERMAN V. AMES, Philadelphia; HON. HAMPTON L. CARSON, Philadelphia; REV. DR. GEORGE P. DONEHOO, Coudersport; MAJOR GENERAL C. BOWMAN DOUGHERTY (*Vice-Chairman*), Wilkes-Barre; DR. JOHN W. JORDAN, Philadelphia; DR. ALBERT E. MCKINLEY (*Secretary*), Philadelphia; PROF. JOHN BACH MCMASTER, Philadelphia; DR. THOMAS LYNCH MONTGOMERY (*Curator*), Harrisburg; JOHN E. POTTER, Pittsburgh; COL. H. M. M. RICHARDS, Lebanon; HON. WILLIAM C. SPROUL (*Chairman*), Chester; HON. WILLIAM H. STAAKE, Philadelphia; WILLIAM H. STEVENSON, Pittsburgh; CHRISTOPHER WREN, Wilkes-Barre.

The Commission has divided its membership into four General Committees to treat in detail various phases of war history:

Committee on Military and Naval Records: Messrs. Dougherty, Richards and Jordan.

Committee on Legal, Constitutional and Political Records: Messrs. Staake and Carson.

Committee on Economic, Industrial and Financial Records: Messrs. Stevenson, Ames, McMaster and Potter.

Committee on Social, Educational and Religious Records: Messrs. Donehoo, Wren and Montgomery.

DIVISIONS OF THE WORK.

The Pennsylvania War History Commission will co-operate in the collection and preservation of war records with County Councils of Defense, Local Historical Societies, Chambers of Commerce, Associations of War Welfare Workers, Religious Organizations, Educational Authorities, and Trade Organizations, both of employees and employers. It hopes that all such bodies will aid in furthering the work of preparing a complete record of Pennsylvania's participation in the War.

The following classes of documents and historical materials are needed by the Commission. It will gladly preserve, file and care for them if they are deposited at the headquarters, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

(a) Personal records of Pennsylvania men or women who have gone into the service of the Army or Navy of the United States, the National Guard or Home Defense Leagues of Pennsylvania, or the military or naval service of any of the Allies. These records should include, where possible, photographs, a brief sketch of the person's life, and of his or her career in the service, letters from the front or camp, and similar materials.

(b) Minutes, official records, printed matter and circulars of all organizations performing war service. Most of this material will soon be lost or pass into the hands of private persons if it is not deposited in a place of safe-keeping.

(c) Diaries, autobiographies, war correspondence, and brief accounts of the participation of Pennsylvanians in the War.

(d) Newspapers and periodicals published in Pennsylvania during the War; and articles in papers outside the State bearing upon Pennsylvania and Pennsylvanians.

(e) Books, pamphlets, poems, and shorter articles bearing upon the War, written by Pennsylvanians.

(f) Reports of trade associations, corporations, firms and financial and industrial concerns upon war-time conditions.

(g) Documents bearing upon labor conditions during the war.

(h) Sketches of the history of specific industries or plants showing the steps in the adaptation to war needs.

(i) History of the war activities of Churches, Chambers of Commerce, Clubs, Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., K. of C., Y. M. H. A., Y. W. C. A., Emergency Aid, A.L.A., and similar organizations.

(j) Outlines of the history of the war work of Pennsylvania's financial bodies and institutions.

(k) Facts relating to agriculture and food production in war time.

(l) Sketches of the history of the war work of special classes of the population, as distinct from their participation in the general war activities of all citizens, *i.e.*, war work of women, of lawyers, of physicians, of dentists, of clergymen, of labor unions, of farmers, etc., etc.

Correspondence and inquiries relating to the work of the Commission should be addressed to the Secretary, ALBERT E. McKINLEY, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

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EARLY LETTERS AND BILLS.—The following interesting letter of Samuel Blunston to James Steel; bill of Edmund Woolley, for drawing plans of the State House, and bill of funeral expenses of a servant are contributed by Mr. Charles F. Jenkins to the Manuscript Division of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.—

7^{mo} 5th 1737

Fr^d James Steel

The Cask of Rum by Henry Bear came safe to hand and had it not been Condemned before it came up to pay some part of what we had borrowed when out, it would have lasted a considerable time now our Garrison is reduced to a third part of the number it once was, and they being brought under a more moderate regulation than formerly. But the people we borrowed from want their pay and therefore 't is necessary we had at least a Barril more for that purpose for I believe there is yet 60 gallons unpaid if not more.

I am obliged to thee for the Acet thou sent of the favourable Report of the Board of trade. Since the arival of Cap^t Richmond I have had Copys from Secretary Charles of Baltimore Petition and the Report of the Board, and I should be glad to hear of the arival of Col. Thomas before the Supream Court at Anapolis next, and whether you can reasonably expect him before that time.

I wrote to the Kings attorney that the Chief Evidence agt Cresap for the murder of Danat is now gone to Philad^a if a tryal is Intended at this next Court It may be well to Enquire after him I desired I. G. to acquaint the president of it, I am altogether a Stranger how they Intend to proceed but I thought it proper to make the Evidences going down known because he Generally lives in Virginia please to give my respects to the Proprietor & president from whom I have not heard this long time

Thy assured fr^d

Sa Blunston

P. S. The Bearer can bring anything thou Inclined to send.

1735 The Honourable John Penn Esquier, Dr,

To drawing the Elivation of the Frount one End the Roof Balconey Chimneys and Torret of the State House with the fronts and Plans of the Two Offices and Piazzas allso the Plants of the first and sacond floors of the State House

p Edmund Woolley £5-0-0

Reced the 22^d of July 1736 of James Steel the above mentioned five Pounds

p me Edmund Woolley

Mr. James Steel

for the funeral Charges of his man Henry Dr.

The Ministers Attendance	£ -6-
The Clerks—D ^o & Register	-4-
Breaking Ground	-4-6
Digging the Grave	-4-6
The Bell	-2-3

£1-1-3

Phila^{da} 17 June 1736

then reed the above acct^{tt}

pr David Parry

EXTRACTS FROM THE PERSONAL ACCOUNTS OF JOHN PENN, PROPRIETARY, 1737-8.—

1737	
22 Dec.	To the Estate of Farmer Grove for a years Rent of Ruscombe Late Taxes deducted £14:17:8
25	" a years Interest of 950 ^{lb} remaining due to the Estate of W ^m Aubrey from Pensylvania which was assign'd to me 47:10:0
13 Dec.	" Ann & Eliz ^a Grove for Bricks & Lime sent to Ruscombe Lake 0:14:0
	" Farmer Begs for a sheep Bishop's dog kill'd the Estate of Farmer Grove for Boards & Work at Ruscombe Lake 0:10:6
22 ^d	" Stephen Task for Carriage p the Row Barge 2: 5:0
Jan 3 ^d	" Gave to 21 poor Neighbours 1:17:0
	" Gave to 21 poor Neighbours 1: 1:0
30, Jany	" Expences at London 20 days 9:15:0
Jan ^y	" Gave Serv ^{ts} & Coach hire to Lord Presidents & Sir Charles Wagers 0:10:0
18	" Expences at Shirleys with M ^r White Norriss Shippen &c 4:10:6
	" Nocra for a Wigg 3:13:6
27	" George Stainforth for Wine & Arrack 25:6:6
	" Fishing Tackle for my Sister Freame 1:12:6
3 Feb ^y	" 3 Chests of Oringes & 60 ^{lb} Loafe sugar to make Shrub 5:14:6
5 th	" 12 Oringe & Leamon Trees sent my Bro ^r Tho ^s 1: 7:0
5 Feb ^y	" a box to pack them in 4/6 1:11:6
	" George Adam's for an Air pump with sundry Instruments to prove the Power & Nature of the Air with a Hydrostatical Ballance &c 27: 3:6
1737/8	
7 Feb ^y	" Indian silk for fishing sent my Bro ^r Tom .. 0: 3:9
	" 50 Tuby Roses & 50 Italian Jonquil roots .. 0: 5:0
13 th	" a Picture of King Henry the 8th 0:15:6
	" D ^o of S ^r Thomas Gresham 1: 1:0
	" D ^o of Paul Rubens by Zoust 0:17:6
18 th	" D ^o of Childers, a famous horse of the Duke of Devonshire s. by Seymour 4: 4:0
	" Ferd: John Paris for Expences &c in getting the Confirmation of an Act of Assembly to Vest the Mannor of Manatawny in M ^r George McCall 65:12:2½ being so much of the Sum of Eighty-Seven pounds paid him the 28 th of Jan ^y being the Ballance of all his Acc't, to the 31 st of Decem ^r 1736 65:12:2½
24 th	" Bailys Dictionary 7/6 the Chase 2/6 0:10:0
	" Lodgings at the Bagnio 8:17:6
27 th	" Coach hire to Feens 0: 8:6
17 March	" 8 Oringe Trees 0:17:0
	" Paint 0:11:2
	" Cloath Shalloon &c. for Wats Leivry 2:14:9
30 th	" Expences at London from 6 March to the 30 th of March 12: 0:7
	" Lobsters 3/9 Fowls 2/3 0: 6:0
3 ^d April	" Wild ducks 0: 2:0